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APPLICANT: Michael Stuart GARDNER )  
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TITLE: EAR TAG APPLICATOR )

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated July 20, 1994. Applicant submits respectfully the following amendment in the above identified application. The Applicant is simultaneously requesting a two month extension for response up to December 20, 1994.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice and substitute therefor new claims 9-14 as follows:

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--9. (New) An applicator for an animal ear tag comprising at least two pivotally connected handle members, first and second jaws being respectively attached to said at least two pivotally connected handle members, a driving means being pivotally connected adjacent an end of said first jaw, elongate tag engagement means connected to said driving means and pivotal therewith from a first position in which said elongate tag engagement means is directed generally towards said second jaw and at least partially directed away from a line perpendicular with said first jaw and adjacent said end of said first jaw, and a second or spent position in which said elongate tag engagement means is directed generally outwardly from said